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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): James E. Hanson  
Serial No.: 09/717,856  
For: METHOD, APPARATUS PROVIDING AUTONOMOUS  
DISCOVERY OF POTENTIAL TRADING PARTNERS IN A  
DYNAMIC, DECENTRALIZED INFORMATION ECONOMY  
Filed: November 21, 2000  
Examiner: Ashokkumar B. Patel  
Art Unit: 2154  
Confirmation No.: 8479  
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: YOR920000426US1

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing a Response Under Rule 116 in response to the communication dated August 16, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

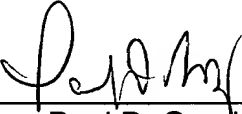
The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	26	Minus	26	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	4	Minus	4	0	x \$88.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$300.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$PAID	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

       A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0510**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116**

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated August 16, 2004, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

The remarks set forth in the Amendment submitted on May 11, 2004 are incorporated in their entirety by reference with respect to each rejection.

The final Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 10, 11, 16-18, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,085,176 to Woolston, hereafter Woolston, in view of Official Notice.